

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

26 JULY 2016

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

#### RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION DISPENSATIONS PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

##### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to enter into public consultation on possible dispensations, to the two bag per fortnightly restriction on the collection of residual household waste, from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, in the circumstances detailed below: -

- Households with a high number of occupants.
- Households disposing of ash from coal fires.

1.2 A further report will be brought forward for consideration by Cabinet on the findings of the public consultation, which will seek their views on the detail of any policies to be adopted in this area.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 This report is prepared and takes into consideration the following Corporate Improvement Objectives as outlined in the Councils Corporate Plan: -

- Helping people to become more self-reliant. Individuals and families that will be more independent and less reliant on traditional Council services.
- Smarter use of resources. Council that has lean, robust processes.

##### 3. Background to Proposed Consultation

3.1 The Waste Collections and Household Waste Amenity Sites contract is currently in the process of being re-procured and will operate from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

3.2 At present all residual waste presented by householders is collected by the waste contractor. Cabinet will recall from the report dated 15 March 2016 that in order to meet the very stringent Welsh Government recycling targets changes to the collection arrangements will be required. Accordingly Cabinet approved the introduction of a two bag restriction on residual waste presented at the kerbside for collection by householders.

3.3 During the previous public consultation undertaken over an eight week period from the 14 December 2015 to 8 February 2016, a number of questions were raised by the public to the proposal to restrict the number of residual bags that the

householder could present for collection to two bags per fortnight. Specifically, in what circumstances would the Council consider providing dispensation from the proposed restriction? The public highlighted the areas set out in Section 1 as being of particular concern. To address these matters, Cabinet are asked to approve a further round of public consultation, the outcome of which will be used to inform and develop proposals for dispensation in these areas, for consideration by Cabinet and approval as Council policy.

- 3.4 The issue of disposal of pet waste was raised by the public during the public consultation between 14 December 2015 and 8 February 2016. Allowing a dispensation for the disposal of pet waste was considered, however due to the need to achieve current and future statutory recycling targets and to reduce the burden of waste disposal costs faced by the Council at a time when budgets are under increasing pressures, increasing the amount of waste to be disposed of to landfill would make this dispensation cost prohibitive and therefore the Authority is unable to offer any form of dispensation, to the restriction on the collection of residual waste sacs (two sacks per fortnight), for pet waste disposal.

#### **4.0. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

- 4.1 There are no effects on the Policy Framework and Procedures Rules.

#### **5.0. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening will be carried out in conjunction with the formation of any policies or procedures to be adopted by the Council as a result of the public consultation exercise.
- 5.2 The consultation will encompass groups with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010, which may be affected by the proposed changes to the waste services contract.

#### **6.0. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The financial implication of any proposal to introduce dispensation to the Councils proposed restriction on the presentation of residual waste, will be presented to Cabinet for consideration, alongside any proposed policy or procedure resulting from the public consultation exercise.
- 6.2 A further report on the outcome of the financial implications from the tendering process for the new waste services collection contract will be placed before Cabinet for Cabinet's further consideration.

#### **7.0. Recommendation**

- 7.1 Cabinet is asked to approve public consultation on proposed dispensations from the Councils policy for restricting household residual waste collections to two bags per fortnight from 1 April 2017 in the circumstances detailed below: -
1. Households with a high number of occupants.
  3. Households disposing of ash from coal fires.

7.2 To note that a further report will be brought forward for consideration by Cabinet, which will set out in detail: -

1. The findings of the public consultation.
2. Recommendations on what dispensations should be granted.
3. Details of the criteria to be used when considering applications from the public for dispensation from the collections restriction.

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